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1. Division II (Főosztály) of the AVH (Államvédelmi Hatóság - State Security Authority), which was formed in mid-1950 from the counter-intelligence elements of the former Hungarian Military Intelligence Service (KATPOL - Katonai Politikai Csoport), has the responsibility for the security of all the Hungarian armed services. Within the scope of this mission are not only the Armed Forces, but all para-military groups including the police, fire department, air defense police or guards, prison guards of the Ministry of Justice (as distinct from AVH prison guards of Division VI), Ministry of Finance guards (customs officials and internal inspectors investigating illegal alcohol production, illegal tobacco growing, illegal goods transportation), and the Military Divisions (IV and IX) of the AVH. The Division Chief is Col. Károly KUTIKA. The hierarchy of Division II includes a Deputy Chief, believed to be Major Gusztáv SZABO, a Soviet Adviser and AVH Interpreter (names unknown), and a Secretariat.

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3. The numerical designation of the sections (osztály) of Division II, and the exact organizational structure are unknown. It is believed that there are separate sections within the Division to handle the Army, Air Force, and Navy (sic) as one unit, and for each of the various para-military organizations subject to the security control of Division II. There is also probably an Instruktor Section for liaison between Division II in AVH Headquarters and the Division II personnel in the Provincial Departments. Division II personnel are integrated into the military and para-military units which are their targets, and wear the uniform and insignia of the service with which they are serving. No real effort is made to conceal their identity.

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inasmuch as they are necessarily known to the commanding officer of the unit to which they are assigned, and consequently to others. [] The following are the sections believed to exist:

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a. Police Section

This section has representatives in both the Budapest Police and the Provincial Police, who are directly (sic) responsible to Division II, not to the local Police Chief; the latter would be consulted on urgent cases or if his immediate assistance were needed. []

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b. Military Section

This section is believed to be responsible for the security of all Hungarian Armed Forces. []

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c. Air Defense Section

The provincial Air Defense Chief is always the AVH Provincial Department Chief. [] The Provincial Air Defense Board, of which he is chairman, also includes the provincial Police Air Defense Chief and the Provincial Council Air Defense officer. This section is responsible for the security of the Air Defense organization; the section was formed at the end of 1950 or early 1951.

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d. Ministry of Finance Guards
Fire Department
Ministry of Justice Guards

It is not known whether the CI mission among these organizations is the responsibility of separate sections, or is directed by a single section responsible for all three. []

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e. Instruktor Section

This section performs the liaison function between Division II and its personnel in the Provincial Departments.

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